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First Snow Trains Bring Crowd of Nearly 900

MILD WEATHER IMPAIRS PARK FACILITIES

After several weeks of perfect winter sports weather the elements entered into the program Sunday and did some damage to the program for the day. Heavy wet snows began to descend during the forenoon hours and just before the two Detroit trains arrived the snow had turned into a slight rain. The skating rink was practically out of commission. Tobogganing and skiing, however, did good service.

The Detroit snow trains ran in two sections. The first carried about 350 passengers. The second had over 500 passengers. It was raining in Detroit when the trains pulled out and about 350 reservations were cancelled.

In spite of weather conditions everyone present seemed to be having a good time. The train trip adds thrills to these snow-train trips.

Snow trains are scheduled for every Sunday just as long as winter sports weather continues. Paul Henry of the Paul Henry Travel Bureau and some of his assistants were here with the train Sunday. These men are taking an active interest in the snow trains and are giving every cooperation with the local wintersports officials and with the general public.

The City of Flint was generously represented here Sunday, coming on the snow train. Oliver Ude, president of the Flint Outdoor club was among them. Also his father, general passenger agent of the P. M. railroad at Flint. Both these men came here often and take a big delight in these affairs.

Photographers had a busy day Sunday, however the "shooting" wasn't any too good until about the middle of the day. Hundreds of pictures were taken.

While the heavy snow storm wasn't any too good for winter sports, still they framed some very beautiful and thrilling scenes.

Walter Hastings, official photographer for the State Department of Conservation was among the photographers present.

Queen and Court Were Hosts

Just before the snow train was due to arrive Queen Pauline (McMurry), her maid in waiting (Norberta Weiss) and the queen's court in winter sports costumes and wearing ribbon streamers, were on hand to greet snow train passengers. Miss Anne Russell of Detroit was selected on the train and wore the ribbon-heralding her as K. of C. queen. This group appeared at the winter park later. Many pictures were taken of this group, as the clicking of cameras could be heard frequently.

The queen and her court will take definite parts in all winter sports activities throughout the season. On February 3rd, the queen's coronation ceremonies will be held at the annual carnival ball. A fine large orchestra will furnish the music for the event. Those who attended the opening winter sports ball January 6th will recall what a grand affair it was. Attempt will be made to make this next one still better.

"Come And Get It!"

A big chicken dinner! Junior Aid is sponsoring this annual event at Memorial Church. These ladies have reconducted the dining room and they want to serve you. Huge platters of fried chicken 'n' everything. Don't eat till Thursday, January 25th.

Costly Canal Zone
The Panama Canal Zone was purchased for \$10,000,000.

TUNE IN! "FIFER TIME" WITH BOB HALL

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Internationally-Famous Stage Star
"The Entertaining Chap!"
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Fifteen minutes of fun and news in rhyme... Something new all the time!

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New Security Laws Explained To Kiwanis

DISTRICT MANAGER GUEST SPEAKER LAST WEEK

New laws pertaining to Social Security have been puzzling a lot of people. For that reason the Kiwanis club secured Sidney Laurens manager of the Traverse City office, to talk to the local members on the subject. His address was very enlightening. Some of the things he said were as follows:

The mere fact that a person has reached age 65 and has at some time worked in commerce or industry does not mean that person is necessarily entitled to monthly benefits under the Social Security Act.

"We have received many calls from persons who thought they were entitled to monthly benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance part of the social security program as amended," Mr. Laurens said.

"Many of these persons were not qualified, we discovered. There are three qualifications involved in obtaining monthly benefits. First, the applicant must have been employed in commerce or industry since the Social Security Act went into effect on January 1, 1937. A person who has not had such employment can not get a worker's benefit."

"Second, the worker must have earned \$50 or more in each of six different calendar quarters after January 1, 1937, and his wages must have been subject to the social security tax. Workers who were 65 or over when the system began to operate in 1937 were not covered until January 1, 1939. Such persons may have had four quarters of covered earnings in 1939, but they can not qualify for benefits until they have earned \$50 or more in two additional quarters. Workers reaching age 65 in 1937 or 1938 were not covered from that birthday until January 1, 1939."

"Finally, the worker must retire from covered employment in order to receive benefits, when he has met the other qualifications. If he earns more than \$14.99 in such employment in any month he will lose his benefits for that period."

Max Laage Talks On AuSable Forest

WAS SPEAKER AT KIWANIS CLUB WEDNESDAY

Max Laage, superintendent of the Au Sable State Forest, talked to his fellow Kiwanians at their meeting Wednesday about the operations of the Au Sable Forest. This comprises an area of 330,000 acres. Of this acreage 130,000 acres is state-owned land. There are 15,000 acres planted which is equivalent to 2,000,000 trees. Many of his listeners learned for the first time just how the seeds are gathered from pine trees and how the seeds are extracted from the pine cones. These cones have to be heated until the petals open and allow the seeds to drop out. The white pines require to be heated twice. After the first heating the cones are allowed to soak in water for several hours and then heated a second time before the seeds may be extracted. The seeds are planted and cared for in the state nurseries.

Fred Welch, Jr., was a visitor at the meeting. "Birdie" Tebbetts was admitted as an honorary member.

A letter received from W. J. Kingscott, chairman of the parks commission of the Department of Conservation, in reply to a letter from the club, said that the hard surfaced highway going to the winter sports park from junction M-76 was not to be torn up. Contrary reports have been in circulation here ever since the new M-76 route was established. The old highway from M-76 to the winter park will be continued as usual, except that it will not extend beyond the winter park.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday, January 21
10:00 a. m. Bible School.
At 11:00 a. m. Public worship.
When you support the church you boost your town.
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

Speed of Lightning
The average speed of lightning is 100 per cent of the speed of light.

RadiOddities . . . by Squier



Co. Loses Respected Pioneer Citizen

GILBERT VALLAD PASSED AWAY

Gilbert D. Vallad, one of Crawford county's well-known pioneer residents, passed away at his home at 7:45 o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Vallad died peacefully in his sleep after having been an invalid for three years, seeking comfort in his wheelchair. Since that time when he received a severe third paralytic stroke. He had had two strokes before, the first 18 years ago. However, the last one rendered him helpless. Never murmuring at his lot, he was always full of fun and ready to joke. And adding ever to his comfort was his good wife, who was constantly at his side, and faithfully and cheerfully administered to his wants.

Gilbert David Vallad was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, January 24, 1861, and came to Maple Forest from Lenawee county in 1884. There he met Nina Buck and on October 14, 1885, they were united in marriage. The Buck family had resided there for some time and their home was located at what is known as Buck's Hill and it was there the wedding took place. After marriage they homesteaded in what was then known as Blaine Township for two years which was in the down river district and later became a part of Grayling Township. Returning to Maple Forest in 1887 they settled on a farm and there their eight children were born, two of whom died in infancy and their daughter Sadie passed away 13 years ago.

Mr. Vallad served one term as treasurer of Blaine township and for seven years was a member of Crawford county poor commission. In 1920 they were anxious for their children to have a high school education and so came to Grayling and for eight years were caretakers of the county infirmary. They returned in 1928 to their farm, however. Mr. Vallad's health was so poorly that they returned again to Grayling in 1934 and purchased the old Elizabeth Cobb property near the school where they have since resided.

Four years ago Mr. and Mrs. Vallad observed their golden wedding anniversary and a grand celebration was arranged by their children on the occasion. Hosts of friends within the county and many from away came to take part in the festivities. During the 54 years of their life together a beautiful companionship had existed between the couple and their family were very near and dear to them.

Mr. Vallad was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness church of Flint, and his son-in-law, Rev. James Thompson of Owosso, a minister of that faith officiated at the funeral which was Mr. Vallad's wish. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the M. P. church in Frederic with interment in the family lot at Maple Forest cemetery. Pallbearers were old Maple Forest friends, William Woodburn, Arthur Howse, Archie Lozon, Rufus Edmonds, Severine Johnston,

GETTING THE WORKS

For several months past work on the construction of the new municipal electric plant has been going on. George Schugman was the first to start operations and now has the distribution system practically finished. Poles are up and wires strung, transformers and other distribution apparatus are practically "all set."

Walter Winright says that with the exception of laying a small area of tile walls, the building is finished, including plumbing and wiring.

And today saw the arrival of the last Diesel engine. Two engines arrived first of the week and the last one Wednesday. Two of the engines weigh 28 tons each and the third one 18 tons. These are now being placed into position on their reinforced concrete bases. The switch-boards are still to arrive.

These engines come from the Buckeye Machinery Co., Lima, Ohio. This company has a crew of experts doing the installation of the engines. It is surprising how skillfully and quickly they handle these mammoth pieces of machinery. Special trucks hauled the engines from the railroad and every part placed in place in the engine house ready to be slipped into place on their foundations.

City Manager George Granger says it looks very favorable to have the new plant in full operation by March 1st.

WOMENS CLUB

Following the business session Monday evening the club listened with interest to two very well written papers on "Paraguay," by Mrs. Forrest Barber and Mrs. Maxwell.

The meeting was held in the kindergarten room at the high school.

Tennessee Valley Project

There are five big dams in the Tennessee Valley project.

and William Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Miss Helene Babbitt and F. J. Mills sang at the church service.

Surviving the deceased besides the widow are the three sons and two daughters, Norman and Russell, Grayling; Warren of Kalkaska, Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, Owosso, and Mrs. Venora Randall, Flint. Also one sister, Mrs. Lucille Morenci, Grayling, and a brother, William Vallad, Marion, Mich., together with three step-brothers and one step-sister, Albert Vallad of Maple Forest, Robert of Toledo, Oliver of Lansing, and Mrs. Rose Dumont of Bath, Mich., also there are nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Those from out of town in attendance at the funeral included the following: Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Thompson and son Lloyd of Owosso; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Randall, Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Vallad, Kalkaska; C. E. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. James DeFrai, Bay City; Mrs. J. L. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmid, Detroit; Albert Harris, Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buck and son Harold, Mrs. Alice Kile, Harry Kile, Mrs. and Mrs. Elgin Benware, Roscomon; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Valthur Howse, Archie Lozon, Rufus Edmonds, Severine Johnston,

RANDOLPH FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

Funeral services for J. W. Randolph, who passed away Sunday morning at his home at Lake Margrethe, were held Sunday afternoon at the Grayling Funeral Home, and later at Michelson Memorial church. Rev. H. W. Kuhlman officiated and there was a large congregation of relatives and friends in attendance at the last rites. During the service Mrs. Harold Jarmen and Mrs. Roy Milnes beautifully sang "In the Garden." The pallbearers were neighbors of the Randolphs at Lake Margrethe and included, J. H. Wade, John McMillan, Stanley Flower, Glenn Penrod, F. J. McClain and Horace Shaw. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Those from a distance, who came to be in attendance at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan, Sault Ste. Marie; Mrs. Cora Altman, Findlay, Ohio; Mrs. Joyce Tatro, Mrs. Blanche Boudrie and son Harold of Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith and Clarence Larson, Detroit; Mrs. Ruby Carlson, Roscomon and Mrs. Elmer Haire of Bay City.

John William Randolph was born in Ottawa, Ohio, September 10, 1880. He attended school in Ottawa, and when a young man came to Michigan and located in Alba, residing there until 1905 when he came to Grayling. June 10, 1909, he was united in marriage to Signe Larsen, daughter of Peter Larsen, and four children were born to this union, two dying infancy.

Mr. Randolph worked for the M. C. R. R. and followed the carpenter trade for years. Of late years Mr. and Mrs. Randolph have resided at Lake Margrethe, where they operate a confectionery and restaurant and have resort property for rent.

Mr. Randolph had a large circle of friends and having resided here for so many years was known to most everyone young and old. It was hard to believe that Mr. Randolph had passed away Thursday morning as just the day before he was around town and talking to friends in his usual jovial way.

However he had not been feeling well for a couple of days, and suffered a heart attack Thursday morning and at 6:00 o'clock passed away.

Surviving the deceased is his widow, daughter Mrs. Stanley Stephan of the Soo, and son Byron of Grayling. Also two grandchildren and four sisters and one brother. Mrs. Alice Fairbanks, LaPorte, Ind.; Mrs. Joyce Tatro, Mrs. Blanche Boudrie of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Cora Altman, and the Randolph of Findlay, Ohio.

The family have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

Taxpayers Meeting February 7th

EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT TAXES BUT DOES NOTHING ABOUT IT!

Isn't it true? And taxes are burdens that have to be met. But why not let the taxpayers have something to say about the spending of our money? Why cannot taxes be reduced? Certainly some of the money paid must be wasted. That cannot be helped, but if the taxpayer public will unite in an effort toward tax economy, we believe that more economy could be had.

It costs nothing to be a member of the Crawford County Taxpayers association and it would give this organization special impetus if you will attend their next meeting.

Wednesday February 7th
—and have a chance to take part in the meeting. Mr. Harry Carter of the Michigan Public Expenditures Survey, will be in attendance at the meeting. Also there will be a special speaker from Cheboygan.

The average Michigan taxpayer believes that the present revenues of Michigan cities and towns and of the state, are more than sufficient to care adequately for all the legitimate needs of these governments; provided that these revenues are efficiently collected and that all expenditures are scrupulously examined for value received.

Don't forget the date—Wednesday, February 7th. The meeting will be held at the court house at 8:00 p. m. At that time a permanent organization will be formed and officers elected. Please be present and bring along your neighbors.

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 21
10:00 Sunday School.
11:00 English Services.
P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

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Niels P. Salling, age 81, who passed away January 4, at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., was born in Viborg, Denmark, in 1858. He came to the United States about 1874, coming directly to Manistee, where he made his home with his uncle, E. N. Salling, and attended Manistee schools. His father, Carl Salling, who was sheriff in Viborg, came over for his confirmation and spent some time visiting in the United States.

After finishing school in Manistee Mr. Salling came to Grayling about 1881 or 1882 and began working for the Salling, Hanson Co. as manager of the company store. Later he was put in charge of the logging department.

In 1899 Mr. and Mrs. Salling moved to Anderson, Ind., where he was active in the retail lumber business for about 25 years. He was a Mason, Knight Templar and a member of the Elks Lodge and had a host of friends and associates. His friends enjoyed hearing him relate his experiences on the old lumbering days in Michigan.

In 1927 Mr. Salling retired from the lumber business and moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where he and Mrs. Salling had since resided.

Funeral services were held on January 6, Rev. Merle Fish officiating. Interment was in Forest Lawn Mausoleum, Glendale, Calif.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Mrs. Mary N. Salling, who has the sympathy of her many Grayling friends.

The above picture of Mr. Salling was taken at his home December 16, 1939.

GRAYLING REPRESENTED AT TRAVEL EXPOSITION

Grayling was represented at the Travel Exposition held in Convention Hall, Detroit, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, by Jack Redhead and Ernest Borchers. Monday and Tuesday Birdie Tebbetts and Snow Queen Pauline Merrill were honor guests at the Travel Exposition in the East Michigan Tourist Association booth and had much to say about Grayling and Winter. Sports to the crowd every afternoon and evening. They had many visitors and winter sports enthusiasts whose questions were cheerfully answered. They were in Winter Sports togs.

The booth of the E. M. T. A. was one of the loveliest and most attractive on the floor. As a background, blue velvet draperies were hung and covering them were pictures in mural size of various parts of East Michigan, showing resort and tourist grounds. Lovely rustic furniture, made by the Rittenhouse people of Cheboygan added to its attractiveness.

Jack Redhead was on hand to tell about Graylings tourist advantages, and all about the Au Sable river, and other trout streams about here. He was dressed in his usual fishing outfit.

He spoke over WWJ from 9 to 9:30 a. m. Monday morning, telling about Grayling and what it has to offer to tourists.

Ernest Borchers, also dressed in sport clothes, tied flies and answered any questions asked him about the art of tying flies, and the various kinds that are used, which in a few months will be of great interest to many fishermen.

The group were presented officially to about 1600 people where the travel movies were being shown and they also were guests at the Kiwanis Club dinner at the Satter Hotel Tuesday, and were presented at the noon hour meeting of the Lions Club of Detroit. Thousands of pieces of literature from Grayling and other places were passed out to the crowd during the exposition.

Golden Gloves Tourney Next Week

GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNEY SET FOR JAN. 22-27

January 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27 are the dates for the big Golden Gloves Tournament to be held here, which is sponsored by the Rube Babbitt Chapter of the Isaak Walton League. Due to Chairman Jack Wade having been called away, Tony Trudeau has been appointed chairman. About 300 entries are expected from Merritt, Cadillac, McBain, Mio, Gaylord, Kalkaska, and many other cities and CCC camps. The winners from the West Branch and Boyne City boxing tournaments will come to Grayling, and it is said these boys certainly throw a mean glove. With the cooperation of Chaplain Harris and the CCC personnel the Isaak Walton League promises to put on a good show.

Johnny Wirth of Grand Rapids will referee all five nights.

The winners of the Grayling Tournament will compete in the Golden Gloves tournament in Bay City.

National Guard At Post-War Top

STATE FORCE NUMBERS 6,000 MEN NOW

With its recruitment program virtually completed, the Michigan National Guard is in its strongest position since the Armistice of 1918 saw the disbanding of America's World War armies.

Col. John S. Bersey, adjutant general of Michigan, said the state's military force now rests at 6,000 men, with 400 officers. The present size represents an addition of approximately 1,000 men drawn into the service since early last fall, when President Roosevelt ordered the regular army and National Guard to be expanded.

Prior to the World War the Michigan National Guard normally numbered about 2,500 men, but rose to close to 10,000 when the United States entered the European conflict. It dropped to about 4,000 men after the armistice.

The Michigan National Guard's current holdings of \$4,000,000 worth of equipment also represent a sizeable increase in its preparedness program since the days of the war.

National Guard headquarters said the federal government spent \$1,058,000 on the Michigan National Guard in 1938.

The enlisted men received \$339,000 in drill pay from the national government in 1938, while the cost of training the men at Camp Grayling during the summer and in similar field work amounted to \$217,000.

The headquarters said the state legislature set aside an appropriation to increase the daily pay of the soldiers during camp, amounting to 75 cents per man per day.

Flour and Bread
One barrel of flour is considered sufficient for around 270 one pound loaves of bread.

Among Our Absentees

Royal Wright writes from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.: "Arrived here January 6th after spending four days in Northern Florida quail hunting with Mr. Skillman. Just laying around getting rested before I start deep-sea fishing. Wishing success for winter sports."

Editor D. E. Matheson of Roscomon says: January 11 enroute here (Silkeston Mo.) tonight. Hellish driving; 260 miles of fog, plenty of snow and ice. More snow through Indiana than up there. Hope for better weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Corwin and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoelsi, who left last Tuesday for the South, report that they reached Fort Wayne the first day. Monday they reached Georgia. With exception of one day they encountered snow and ice. They intend to remain in the South until next May and plan to visit all the coast cities of Florida and some of the interior cities before returning.

HIGHWAY DEPT. HAS HUGE CASH BALANCE

At the end of the year, the state highway department closed its books with a cash balance of \$3,359,671.71.

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner pointed out, however, that heavy fixed charges must be met early in the new year which would substantially reduce this balance.

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'See You In Grayling'

(Reprinted from the Mt. Pleasant Times of January 11, 1940)

The bright little city of Grayling is pioneering Michigan winter sports in a fashion and on a scale which a few years ago would have been regarded as altogether out of proportion to possible general interest or probable returns. Such organized projects have to be weighed on the general scale of the interest they awaken—the crowds they draw—and Grayling is finding that it has turned in on a most popular program indeed.

A visit last week to Michigan's Winter Sports Capital, and well-styled it is—found George (Birdie) Tebbetts' grand opening of the winter sports season "led to a glorious start"—this latter in the words of Lee Macdonald, Detroit Times Sports editor who was present along with many other notables from Detroit and around the state.

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mentioned powerful Tiger freshman, Frank Secory.

And the dinner program Saturday evening was one of those epics that must happily happen now and then, though they really never could be planned. Everyone in the room made a speech or at least arose and bowed—ball players, players, officials, a national ski champion, editors and tavern keepers. Tod Rockwell, of the Free Press, was the able m.c. who snapped the program along in amazing style for all its wealth of talent.

The dinner for all interest couldn't well violate its schedule as to closing time, for it was the pleasurable duty of the ball players to tie themselves to the glittering community ball in the high school gym, where amid flashing news cameras and dazzling movie "hoods" the Snow Queen was picked. Comely Grayling lass, Pauline Merrill was adjudged the fairest of all.

To insure that big success that's fully deserved and looks like is surely coming—all Grayling needs now is a slogan, and for want of a better one let's just give it the royal appointment of "See You In Grayling"—W. Webb McCull.

More Efficiency, Not More Taxes

Michigan's state treasurer and chairman of the State Board of Tax Administration, this week congratulated the State Sales Tax Administration and Walter F. Ridd, managing director of the Michigan Department of Tax Administration during the calendar year 1939.

Commenting on the new levies upon the people of Michigan, State Treasurer Dunckel, asserted that Michigan needs more efficiency, not more taxes. The following figures reflect, in a large measure, the efficient and successful operation of the department during the calendar year 1939.

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IS YOUR SIDEWALK CLEAN OF SNOW?

One of our very estimable citizens recently reminded us that something should be said about the neglect of some of our citizens about keeping their walks free from snow. While there may be some instances where that cannot be helped still there are many he said who have no reasonable excuse for this neglect. Walking in the streets is dangerous and it is a question whether or not one is protected against traffic accident in places where sidewalks are provided. While some people take pride in keeping their walks clean right in the same block there are walks that haven't been shoveled out all winter. It certainly should be no hardship to attend to this important and not difficult responsibility.

The dinner for all interest couldn't well violate its schedule as to closing time, for it was the pleasurable duty of the ball players to tie themselves to the glittering community ball in the high school gym, where amid flashing news cameras and dazzling movie "hoods" the Snow Queen was picked. Comely Grayling lass, Pauline Merrill was adjudged the fairest of all.

To insure that big success that's fully deserved and looks like is surely coming—all Grayling needs now is a slogan, and for want of a better one let's just give it the royal appointment of "See You In Grayling"—W. Webb McCull.

SHE MEANT BUSINESS

Into an infant school rushed an excited woman brandishing a heavy hammer. "Where is Miss Davis?" she cried. The teacher named fled, frightened. The principal said to the noisy visitor: "Madam, come to my room, where we can have a chat more comfortably."

"Never! I've brought my hammer and I'm going to use it! You're going to see something! My young rascal has ripped his breeches!"

"But Miss Davis has nothing to do with it!" "That's possible, but I'm not going away until I've driven in the nail my little fellow tore himself on."

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Fulfillment
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my great aim, in
rendering service
for you.

Phone 3331
Ambulance Service

NORMAN E. BUTLER
Grayling Funeral Home

Girls Ban Silk Hose
Stambaugh (MPA) — Because silk stockings cost too much Girl Reserves in the local high school have turned to wearing cotton hosiery. Part of their platform is that cotton stockings are inexpensive, warmer, and don't get snags and runs, thus making them last longer.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH
Next Sunday Services
10:00 a. m.—Bible School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
On Thursday, January 25th, our annual chicken dinner. This is to be a great event.
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

GRAYLING DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday Services
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Danish Service.
Communion.
P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

Want Ads

LOST—A Gruen wrist watch somewhere downtown. Inquire Mrs. Menna Carwin.

WANT TO BUY OR LEASE gas station, tourist camp, or beer garden or buy good vacant location. Must be in good hunting and fishing country. Kenneth Thomas, Rochester, Mich.

MICHIGAN TAX LANDS SEIZED for non-payment of taxes, clear title, immediate possession; land for farming, hunting and fishing. \$1 an acre up; if interested in the best land Buys Michigan has ever seen, send 25c in coin for list of several hundred descriptions and prices in 42 counties. Au Sable Tax Land Co., Box 607, Lansing, Michigan. 1-18-2.

FOR SALE—Bay work horse, 13 years old. Inquire of Mrs. Jackson, Red Dog Club.

FOR SALE—Unusual discount on Spinnet Piano used as floor demonstrator only. Write Rounds Music, Traverse City, for particulars.

FOUND—Bunch of keys on key ring, with string attached, in front of Rialto theatre. Inquire at Avalanche office.

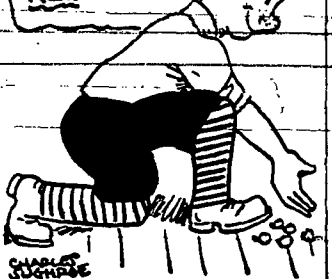
LOST—Hound dog, half Bluetick and half Beagle, about December 9th, southwest of Grayling. Answers to name of "Spot." Reward offered. Finder notify Norman Johnson, Route 1, Grayling. 1-4-2.

FOR SALE—Business block on Main street, formerly location of Grayling postoffice. Now occupied. See me for particulars. O. P. Schumann. Phones 3111 and 3121.

40 ACRES FOR SALE—In Maple Forest township, SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, section 3, town 28 north, range 3 west. Bargain at \$250. For particulars call Avalanche Office. Phone 3111.

MICKIE SAYS—

IF YOU WERE HIRIN' A SALESMAN, YOU'D WANT SOMEBODY 'AT LOOKED IMPORTANT N PACKED SOME GOOD OL' PRESTIGE AND DIGNITY—SAME WAY WITH PRINTED SALESMANSHIP, OR ADS—THEY'RE MORE IMPORTANT IN OUR NEWSPAPER.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
GRAYLING STATE SAVINGS BANK

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

at the close of business on December 30th, 1939.

Published in accordance with a call made by the Commissioner of the Banking Department pursuant to the provisions of Section 82 of the Michigan Financial Institutions Act.

ASSETS	Dollars	Cts.
Loans and Discounts (including \$ None overdrafts).....	\$185,394.99	
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed.....	39,254.55	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection.....	266,393.34	
Bank premises owned.....	None	
Furniture and fixtures.....	1.00	
Other assets, Impounded balance in First National Bank of Detroit.....	1,636.30	
Total Assets.....	\$492,640.18	

LIABILITIES	Dollars	Cts.
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.....	\$181,885.81	
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.....	162,666.96	
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings).....	373.64	
Deposits of States and political subdivisions.....	85,155.67	
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.).....	52.10	
Total Deposits.....	\$430,134.18	
Other Liabilities—Bank Money Orders.....	1,130.80	
Total Liabilities (not including subordinated obligations shown below).....	\$431,264.98	

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	Dollars	Cts.
Capital.....	\$ 25,000.00	
Surplus.....	25,000.00	
Undivided profits.....	1,375.20	
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital).....	10,000.00	
Total Capital Accounts.....	\$ 61,375.20	
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts.....	\$492,640.18	

* This bank's capital consists of \$ None of capital notes and debentures; first preferred stock with total par value of \$ None, total retirable value \$ None; second preferred stock with total par value of \$ None, total retirable value \$ None; and common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

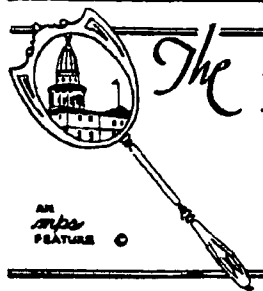
MEMORANDA	
Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities.....	None
(c) Total.....	None
Secured and preferred liabilities:	
(e) Total.....	None
Subordinated obligations:	
(a) Unpaid dividends on preferred stock and unpaid interest on capital notes and debentures, accrued to end of last dividend or interest period, not included in liabilities or reserves above.....	None
(b) Other obligations not included in liabilities which are subordinated to claims of depositors and other creditors.....	None
(a) On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was.....	\$ 51,616.10
(b) Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to.....	\$250,647.89

OFFICERS:	DIRECTORS:
Esbern Hanson, President.	Esbern Hanson
John Bruun, Vice-Pres. & Manager	Holger D. Hanson
Holger D. Hanson, Vice-Pres.	John Bruun
Margrethe Nielsen, Cashier	A. J. Nelson
	Wilhelm Raab

Monthly Benefits Begin In 1940

The Social Security Board has issued a pamphlet, "Monthly Benefits Begin in 1940," explaining payments to be made to wage earners reaching the age of 65 and to certain surviving members of families of workers who die after December 31, 1939.

W. Scott Hamlin, manager of the Social Security Board's Field Office at Traverse City, announced today that copies of the new pamphlet may be obtained free at this office. It is explained in the pamphlet that workers attaining the age of 65 can now file claims for monthly benefits. Benefits are payable from the beginning of 1940 to qualified wage earners who have retired from regular employment. The applicant must show that he (1) has been employed in jobs covered by the Social Security Act in at least 6 calendar quarters since January 1, 193



The Michigan Mirror

Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

As the newspapers' salute to the Michigan food and tourist industries whose 1939 cash incomes totaled nearly a half billion dollars an "All-Michigan" dinner extraordinary will be given Thursday evening January 25 at Lansing State College in East Lansing.

Queens of the 1939 Cherry and Blossom festivals at Traverse City and Benton Harbor respectively, will be present. Assisted by their court attendants, they will help serve choice Michigan fruit juices and foodstuffs.

It is to be an unusual demonstration arranged by the Michigan Press association, of how self-sustaining Michigan is in the way of producing quality foods. The entire menu, with the exception of pepper, will consist of select meats, vegetables, and fruits. More than twenty state organizations are cooperating with the newspaper publishers' group and the state department of agriculture in the preparation.

The \$300,000,000 tourist industry will be represented by managers of the four tourist associations. Spoken for by this growing "cash crop" will be J. Lee Barrett of Detroit. Honored guests will include Hugh Gray of Grand Rapids, Tom Marston of Bay City and George Bishop of Marquette, each one known state-wide for his contribution to the development of the year-around vacation and recreation business.

Governor's Maple Syrup

From Governor Luren D. Dickinson, farmer state executive, will come a sample of Michigan's famed maple syrup. Dickinson is a connoisseur of this delicacy, producing it each spring on his Eaton county farm near Charlotte.

According to the federal crop reporting service, maintained at Lansing in cooperation with the state department of agriculture, the Michigan maple syrup industry produced 213,000 gallons in 1939, an increase of 82,000 gallons over 1938. The maple yield also produced 5,000 pounds of maple sugar for use principally in candies.

Michigan agriculture enjoyed a good year in 1939, having a total cash income of \$131,749,000 compared with \$119,746 for the previous year.

While the state is not generally regarded as being in the "corn belt," yet the corn crop headed the entire food list in 1939 with a total value of \$31,449,000. Winter wheat was worth \$11,340,000, while oats brought in \$13,668,000.

Fruits and Juices

The growing importance of Michigan fruit juices as an outlet for huge surpluses is to be emphasized by the use of three fruit juices and two vegetable juices on the "All-Michigan" menu. The juices which offer a wide variety

of vitamins with different appeals to the taste include apple, carrot, cherry, grape.

The total value of Michigan fruit crops in 1939—apple, peach, pear, plum, cherries and grape—was \$9,978,000, a substantial increase over the previous year.

Because Michigan is a leading fruit state, it is fitting that the importance of fruit to the state economy would be personalized by appearance of 1939 Cherry and Peach festival queens.

Poultry and Meat

Michigan's all important poultry and meat industries will also play a leading role in the publishers' enterprise.

Choice Michigan turkeys, supplied by the Michigan Turkey Producers Association, will be supplemented by a variety of select cold meats furnished by the nation's only farmers' co-operative packing company.

Apple, cherry and pumpkin pies will be made the old-fashioned way with lard from Michigan's corn-hog belt, recognized as such by the federal government.

Field crops are to be in prominence with the famed, lowly bean, sugar beet, potato and peas providing satisfaction to meet the most discriminating gourmet's fancy. Composite supplies of these delicacies furnished by growers' associations, come from more than 53 counties. Also of interest is the fact that the other 30 counties are to be represented on the unique menu.

Upper Peninsula

From the Upper Peninsula will come manufactured dairy products.

They will be in recognition of the growth of the dairy industry in this section above the Straits. Production of all cheese in the Upper Peninsula since 1921 has increased from 597,000 pounds to more than 9,000,000 pounds in 1939. Michigan now ranks third in the production of Italian cheese with more than 1,800,000 pounds, the manufacture of this cheese being entirely confined to the Upper Peninsula. During the past decade processing of condensed milk has been increased from 4,500,000 pounds to 13,260,000 pounds.

Last year, for the first time in history, Michigan jumped into first place in the production of honey. Through the state department of agriculture, drip canisters containing choice Michigan-produced honey will also tempt the appetite.

Approximately 25 different fruit and vegetable condiments, along with rolls and coffee, will go to complete this "All-Michigan" tribute to the food industry. It will be a novel and newsworthy recognition of the part which Michigan agriculture plays in the state's economy.

DEPT. OF STATE

Kelly Champions Americanism Drive

The "Think - American" campaign sponsored by the American Legion, received the unqualified support of Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, when, acting for the veterans on the staff of the state department, Kelly contracted for a series of 52 weekly posters for the Lansing office of the department.

Commenting on this campaign designed to stimulate a true spirit of Americanism throughout the state, Secretary Kelly joined Everett De Dyke, Michigan Department Commander of the American Legion in voicing generous praise for the program. "It is a wonderful program," said Kelly, "and as far as the state of Michigan is concerned, my department will cooperate 100 per cent."

Kelly declared that he and other veterans of the Secretary of State's department were personally sponsoring display of the posters in the department and that no state or other funds were being used to aid the campaign.

"So enthused are the veterans in my department over this new Americanism drive that it is entirely possible that each one of the 174 branch offices will be supplied with a weekly display of these outstanding posters," Kelly stated.

Throughout 1940 the "Think American" poster service will be made available for bulletin board use in factories, stores, schools, churches and other organizations. Staged as a non-profit project by the Legion, the bulletins will be changed weekly and in each case will carry a graphic illustration of the advantages of the American way of living.

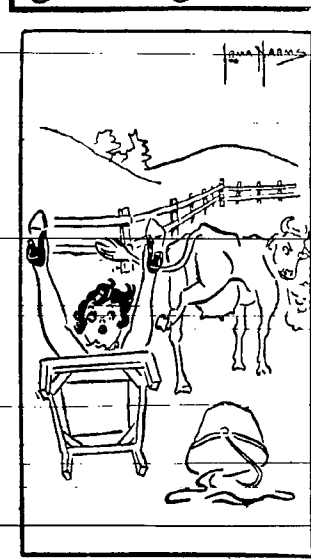
Safety Campaign Results Promised

The following reports released today by Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State show a definite reduction in traffic convictions during the year just passed.

Total convictions for the year of 1938 totaled 28,341, while in 1939 the number of convictions was reduced to 25,389, a reduction of 2952 cases.

"This speaks well of the safety campaign started in 1939," Kelly said, "and we are proud of the cooperation afforded us by the driving public. However, in this battle of highway safety, there can be no compromise—no middle ground; this is a fight that must be waged unceasingly and relentlessly. Favorable results will be shown daily, but only with the complete realization on the part of both the driver and the pedestrian that he must do his part."

GABBY GERTIE



"When you palm yourself off as an experienced hand, punishment comes on the heels of deception."

My Neighbor

Says:

Potatoes will be more mealy when baked if the ends are cut off before putting into the oven.

Creamed soup should not be served at a meal when creamed vegetables or fish are served.

A clove of garlic rubbed around the salad bowl will season the salad, but will not give it too strong a flavor.

Vary the vegetables you serve. Substitute broccoli, endive, leeks or Chinese cabbage, for green beans, lima beans and corn.

If pillows have to be forced into cases, cases will soon wear out. Always be sure to get cases large enough when buying.

Japanese Custom
Even in theaters and restaurants, Japanese keep on their hats and overcoats.

Chevrolet Turns Out 6 Millionth Auto

In connection with the 28th anniversary of his association with General Motors, M. E. Coyle, general manager, Chevrolet Motor Division, today announced the completion of the six-millionth automobile built during the past six years by the industry's leader.

During this period, when Chevrolet has averaged a million-a-year production, Mr. Coyle has served as general manager of this largest G. M. unit. He became affiliated with General Motors December 26, 1911, the first year that saw auto production in the country pass the 200,000 mark.

Chevrolet's six-millionth car during this six-year period came off the assembly line at Flint, Dec. 22, giving the company the unique distinction of having been the only auto manufacturer to maintain such an average in recent years.

Mr. Coyle paid high tribute to C. E. Wetherald, general manufacturing manager, and W. E. Holler, general sales manager, whose close cooperation and mutual effort have been responsible for the establishment of this unusual record.

By way of contrast, Mr. Coyle compared Chevrolet's current production rate with that set by the entire industry in 1911, drawing on his memory of early days with General Motors, which was founded only three years before.

In that year, 210,000 automobiles were manufactured by all companies in the country. Chevrolet alone has produced more than 300,000 cars and trucks in the last quarter of 1939.

"We are proud of our million-a-year average since January, 1934. In view of the economic and social adjustments that have been made in this period, such a record is a strong testimonial for Chevrolet," Mr. Coyle said.

Shanty Fishermen Report Good Catches

Fishermen in the fast growing shanty towns on the thickening ice of Michigan's inland lakes and Great Lakes bays and shores are reporting good catches after mild weather held the ice fishing season to a late start. Limit catches of bluegills are reported from Tugboat Lake.

Four hooks and two lines are the most any fisherman may use, and all lines must be under immediate control, set lines having been outlawed. Tip-ups are considered the same as lines or poles, and subject to the same line and hook limits.

On inland waters spearing is permitted during January and February except on trout streams and certain other waters on which it is specifically forbidden.

Growing popularity of winter hook-and-line fishing is reflected in greater demand for much sought baits as wigglers or mayfly larvae, which are dug out of the mud of stream bottoms. Caddisflies, hellgramites, stoneflies, goldenrod gallworms and common earthworms are used for blue gills. Minnows are favored for perch, calico bass and larger fish.

All ice fishermen on inland waters must have the new 1940 one-dollar resident fishing licenses.

An Unusual War Story by I. A. R. Wylie

Fund Inc., Detroit.
"Crack Shot" is the title of an amazing war story by the famous author I. A. R. Wylie. In this yarn, Wylie describes the "strange trench experience" of the village bully whom everyone said was sure to find just what he wanted at the front. Be sure to read it, in This Week, the magazine with Sunday's Detroit News.

General Motors Builds 25-Millionth Unit



Brief ceremonies were held in the Chevrolet assembly plant at Flint, January 11, marking completion of this car, the 25-millionth unit built by General Motors. In behalf of the thousands of workers who had a hand in its manufacture, 75 members of the final assembly line crew handed M. E. Coyle, Chevrolet general manager, a commemorative scroll for presentation to W. S. Knudsen, president of General Motors. Veteran Chevrolet employees, and executives of the Buick and AC Spark Plug divisions, were present as special guests.

In photo, left to right: C. E. Wetherald, general manufacturing manager, Chevrolet; Mr. Coyle, H. H. Currier, general manager Buick Division; A. P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of the board, General Motors; Fred Brown, veteran Chevrolet employee; C. S. Mott, vice president, General Motors; C. E. Wilson, executive vice president, General Motors, and Mr. Knudsen.

The car was taken at once to Detroit, to play a major part in the "March of Men and Motors" celebration staged that night in the Masonic Temple.

Lovells

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Johnson of Detroit visited Mrs. Johnson's brother Mike McCormick.

Miss Iris Nephew is visiting friends in Detroit for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Paul Loeffler has returned home after spending Christmas in Detroit with her children.

Some of the Lovells folks gave a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon before they left for Alabama for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nephew and family visited Mrs. Nephew's parents at St. Helens a couple of days.

School has started again after a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loeffler entertained the Lovells folks on New Year's Eve. At midnight a lovely lunch and wine was served to the guests.

Beaver Creek

Mrs. L. E. Myers left Saturday the 13th, for Adrian to care for her sister, Cora Bahm, who is critically ill with complications of diabetes. Mrs. Myers will stay there until her sister is out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Yack left last Friday for Midland to spend the week-end with the former's brother, Lewis Yack.

Mr. Haunstein is in very poor condition at the present writing with a set-back from the last illness.

Old Man Winter seems to be making his bed, but we think it would be better if he made it elsewhere instead of in our driveways.

Size of Vatican

The Vatican at Rome is the largest residence in the world. It contains several thousand rooms.

COUGHS

Due to Colds or Bronchial Irritations

This formula is immensely superior to any other remedy.

Pour yourself a teaspoon of Buckley's CANADIAN Mixture—let it lie on your tongue a moment then swallow slowly. Feel its quick powerful—pungent action spread through throat, head and bronchial tubes. Acts like a flash. Right away it starts to loosen thick, choking phlegm and open up clogged bronchial tubes. Over 15 million bottles sold in cold wintry Canada. A single sip will tell you why. Contains no sugar so can be used by diabetics.

MAC & GIDLEY

Double Riveting

Double riveting is from 16 per cent to 20 per cent stronger than single.



Making an Insurance Check-Up is work! You can do it yourself up to a certain point. Then you need an Insurance Advisor. That's where we come in! We'll work for you, make a complete analysis of your needs and submit it to you without obligation. Why not use this free service?

Send for "A Check-Up of Insurable Property"—fill in the inventory of real and personal property—then send for us. We like work! DO IT NOW!!

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Grayling, Mich.

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CHINESE BINDING

THE BINDING OF CHINESE GIRLS FIRST ORIGINATED 1,000 B.C., CHINA HAVING HAD A CLUB-FOOTED EMPRESS.

AUTOMOBILE MAKES

IN THE LAST 30 YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN 900 MAKES OF AUTOMOBILES, TO-DAY, THERE ARE BUT 50.

AGE OF 70

WITH THEIR INCREASING LONGEVITY, AMERICANS MAY SOON ATTAIN AN AVERAGE LIFE OF 70 YEARS, THE BIBLICAL SPAN.

PETER B. PEEVE

(WNU SERVICE)

When you palm yourself off as an experienced hand, punishment comes on the heels of deception.

Creamed soup should not be served at a meal when creamed vegetables or fish are served.

A clove of garlic rubbed around the salad bowl will season the salad, but will not give it too strong a flavor.

Vary the vegetables you serve. Substitute broccoli, endive, leeks or Chinese cabbage, for green beans, lima beans and corn.

If pillows have to be forced into cases, cases will soon wear out. Always be sure to get cases large enough when buying.

Japanese Custom
Even in theaters and restaurants, Japanese keep on their hats and overcoats.

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LOCALS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1940

The Danish Ladies' Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Hanson Thursday, January 25th.

The American Legion and Auxiliary have planned a dancing party for Saturday night at their hall.

Byron Randolph, who has been ill with a throat infection, is able to be up and around his home, and is recovering nicely.

Mrs. J. L. Martin, has been a patient at Mercy Hospital the past week, having taken suddenly ill. She is reported as getting along nicely.

Miss Lucille Larson, who is home from Adrian, was hostess to the Just Us club Wednesday evening. The hostess served a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Glenn Penrod was hostess to the Lake Margrethe Card club at her home last Wednesday afternoon. A dainty lunch was served the guests.

Approximately 20 acres of second growth have been cleared along the western side of Grayling airport for the purpose of enlarging the area.

Mrs. J. W. Randolph has closed her business place at Lake Margrethe until spring, when she will re-open for the season. She is making her home with her son Byron and family for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorenson and Mr. and Mrs. Holger D. Hanson left Sunday for Brownsville, Texas, where they will spend the rest of the winter visiting at the home of Mrs. Sorenson's sister, Mrs. A. R. Engler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson attended a paint dealers convention in Bay City Tuesday. They were accompanied by the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bromwell, who are residing in their cabin on the Manistee this winter.

Mrs. A. L. Roberts was hostess to the Danish Junior Aid society at her home Thursday evening. After the business meeting a delicious lunch was served. Guests of the society were, Mrs. Olga Boeson, Mrs. Nickolin Schjotz, Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and Mrs. Leo Jorgensen.

At a quiet ceremony Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keller, Mrs. Nora Dixon became the wife of Jay C. Hoisington. Rev. Theon Sleight of Flint read the rites, and Mrs. Hoisington's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dixon were the attendants.

Mrs. Nickolin Schjotz was hostess to a few ladies at her home Saturday afternoon, complimenting Mrs. Carl Sorenson and Mrs. Holger Hanson who left Sunday to spend the remainder of the winter in Texas. The afternoon was spent visiting and Mrs. Schjotz served a delicious lunch.

The Grayling Loyal Order of Moose basketball team won from the Phillip's 66 team of Battle Creek Friday night, by the score of 45-43 on the home court. An overtime of five minutes was played to determine the winner. Don Smock and Keith Bowen were high score men for the Moose.

As a part of their youth program the Catholic Woman's Guild are holding open house each Tuesday evening at St. Mary's parish hall for the boys and girls of junior age of the parish. Tuesday night was the first open-house and there were some 25 boys and girls congregated and enjoyed games and music by a Victrola and sang songs. Some of the girls went into the kitchen and popped corn for the crowd. There is a library in the hall with books and magazines that may be taken home and returned the next week. Soon the ladies hope to have three ping pong tables for the young folk.

Reduced prices on all ladies' dress shoes at Olson's.

A daughter, Della Mae, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elgas of Houghton Heights, Monday, December 15, at Mercy Hospital.

Clarence Mortenson is operating the Carl Sorenson Gas Station on US-27 while Mr. Sorenson is away. The station is now selling Shell products.

The crew at the Grayling Fish Hatchery have started graving the fish ponds. The gravel is put on top of the ice and when the ice melts the gravel is evenly distributed at the bottom of the ponds.

Mrs. C. G. Clippert and Mrs. A. J. Joseph left on the Snow Train for Detroit Sunday night. Mrs. Clippert chaperoned the snow queen, Miss Pauline Merrill, while Mrs. Joseph attended an apparel display.

Snow Queen Pauline Merrill is spending today (Thursday) in Alpena, as are other queens of the North, the guests of the Alpena Chamber of Commerce. This evening at the Alpena Theatre the Snow Queen of the North will be chosen.

There was a fine attendance at the play "Star Spangled" that was put on Wednesday night for the benefit of the High School Athletic association. It is a comedy play and is being put on again tonight (Thursday). So don't miss seeing it. You'll laugh at the mix-ups the characters get into and the wisecracks. Don't forget it is being put on again tonight (Thursday).

Twelve ladies were seated at a long table centered by a lovely arrangement of yellow rose buds and ferns at a luncheon given by Mrs. Emil Giegling for her bridge club Wednesday afternoon. High scores for bridge which followed were held by Mrs. Harold Cluff, Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mrs. George Olson. Mrs. Cliff, Mrs. Harold Jarmin and Mrs. Ernest Hoesli were guests of the club.

The Finnish Relief Fund will benefit from the proceeds of a bake sale, sponsored by the Lutheran Junior Aid, which will be held at Olaf Sorenson & Son on Saturday, January 27th, at 2:00 p. m. Dorothy Roberts, Elina Mae Sorenson and Mrs. William LaGrow were appointed to be in charge of the sale. Favorite Danish specialties will be featured—among them: coffee cake, apple cake, klejner, kringler, bread.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Charron arrived home Sunday from Ann Arbor, where both have been patients at University Hospital, since the forepart of December. Mrs. Charron underwent a serious operation and Mr. Charron was receiving medical treatment, and both are much improved in health. Mrs. John McGillis, mother of Mrs. Charron has been caring for the Charron household and family while their parents were away. Oscar Charron, of Frederic, brother of Mr. Charron, drove to Ann Arbor and accompanied them home.

Grayling Loyal Order of Moose, who want to do something for the boys and girls of Grayling are making plans to build a community skating rink and they hope to have 25 men out next Sunday morning to begin work on the project. It will be located on the south side of the river in the vacant lot facing on US-27. The Moose members have agreed to do the work and the city will cooperate by furnishing water and the apparatus to flood it with. Amos Hunter and Middle LaMotte were named by the Moose as a committee to see that the rink is built and they hope that a goodly number of members will show up Sunday morning ready for work. This is a fine idea and no doubt those who enjoy skating will be waiting anxiously for the time when it will be ready to use.

Mrs. Robert Bancroft was honored guest at a shower given by Mrs. Taylor Loper at her home Monday evening. Bunco was enjoyed during the evening, with Mrs. Richard Thompson, Mrs. Frank LaVack and Mrs. Otis Cook receiving the honor scores. The hostess served refreshments later in the evening.

See the bargains on nationally advertised ladies' dress shoes at Olson's.

The Legion Auxiliary will have their regular social meeting at the hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 23rd. Each member may invite a guest for the evening.

Rummage Sale at the Masonic Temple given by the Grayling Chapter O. E. S. Saturday afternoon, January 20. Lots of warm coats, dresses and underclothes left.

Mrs. Roy Milnes was hostess to her bridge club Saturday afternoon at a very attractive luncheon. A fat little snow man surrounded by little green pine trees centered the long table at which the guests found their places with place cards representing snow men. Miss Margrethe Bauman was the honor lady for bridge which followed the luncheon.

Editor R. E. (Peck) Prescott, of Lincoln, supplied the program, "The Editor's Chair," conducted by Duncan Moore over station WJR Saturday evening. He read a number of his rhymes and related some of his experiences as editor of a newspaper in a village of 250 population. It was very interesting and entertaining. Duncan Moore referred to him as the "James Whitcomb Riley of Michigan."

When Mr. and Mrs. Sam Loper return home this afternoon from being out in the woods after a load of wood they will find no home awaiting them as it burned to the ground together with its contents about 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. The building was a garage on the property of Otis Cook and owned by him and the Lopers lived in part of it. It is reported that a spark from a stove started the fire.

List Of Donors To Finnish Relief Fund

Following are the names of those who have already contributed to the Finnish Relief Fund:

Dr. C. G. Clippert	\$2.00
Shoppenagons Inn	2.00
Anton Kangas	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lauri	5.00
Mrs. Mary Hein	1.00
Christ Johnson	1.00
Carl Tahvonen	1.00
Emil Tahvonen	.50
Einer Tahvonen	1.00
O. P. Schumann	2.00
Jonas Wirtanen	2.00
Wm. Raue	1.00
Herman Bidvia	2.00
Mac & Gidley Drug Store	2.00
Geo. B. Schley	10.00
Ingeborg Hanson	1.00
Mildred Hanson	1.00
Arthur Howse	1.00
Mrs. Chris Johnson	1.00
Amount remitted to relief fund	\$38.50

Additional contributions to the fund are as follows:

Peter Sierra	1.00
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The Avalanche will continue to accept contributions for this fund until further notice.

FINNISH RELIEF FUND RECEIVED GRAYLING CONTRIBUTIONS

The contributions by local citizens toward the Finnish Relief Fund have been forwarded to the treasurer of the Finnish Relief Fund.

We believe that the need for assistance in this cause warrants us to continue to accept contributions. Therefore anyone desiring to contribute may do so by calling at the Avalanche office or mailing their money directly to us. The following letter is acknowledgement of receipt of funds sent in by us:

Mr. O. P. Schumann, Publisher, The Crawford Avalanche, Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Schumann:

As treasurer of the Detroit Committee of the Finnish Relief Fund, Incorporated, I am pleased to acknowledge your check in the amount of \$38.50 for credit to the Fund, which represents contributions of people in your community. It is very gratifying to the Committee to receive this form of cooperation.

I should also like to express to you the appreciation of the Committee of your efforts in its behalf.

Yours very truly,

Charles T. Fisher.

Mr. O. P. Schumann, Pub., The Crawford Avalanche, Grayling, Mich.

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the million homeless and suffering Finnish civilians may I thank you for your kind contribution to the Finnish Relief Fund.

You will be glad to know every penny received goes directly to the aid of the destitute civilian population. Nothing is deducted by this office for administrative expense.

Thanking you again for your kind and generous cooperation, I am

Yours most sincerely,
George Heideman,
Executive Secretary.

Personals

Mrs. Elmer Haire of Bay City, spent the week end visiting friends here.

George Lietz spent Sunday visiting Miss Martelle Ison in Mt. Pleasant.

Ervin Sampsel is spending several days in Detroit, where he hopes to find employment.

Dick Peterson, who is employed in Jackson, spent the week-end visiting at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cluff were in Detroit Monday, where the latter attended a spring style show.

Miss Lucille Larson of Adrian, is spending this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hewitt of Cadillac spent the week-end with the latter's mother, Mrs. Thomas Cassidy.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cregue Jr. and children of Flint, visited at Grayling over the week-end, coming for winter sports.

Wilhelm Andreason of Flint, a former Grayling boy, was shaking hands with old friends Sunday, coming on the Snow Train.

Benton Jorgenson and son Wally of Detroit, came up on the Snow Train Sunday and spent the day visiting his mother, Mrs. Adler Jorgenson.

Winter and winter-sports wear by McGregor at Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Petersen left Sunday to make their home in Wayne, Mich., where the latter's family reside. They had shipped their household goods a few days previously.

Willard Harwood and Bob Tiffin were at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Friday on business. Mrs. Dan McIntyre and Dale Penney, who also had business at the hospital, accompanied Mr. Harwood.

Warren McDonald of Port Angeles, Wash., arrived Monday and is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clare Madsen and family. Mrs. McDonald has been here for several weeks, coming to spend the winter with her daughter.

Miss Dorothy Morris returned to Muskegon Sunday after a ten day visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morris. Miss Dorothy, who finished a course in beauty culture some time ago, is established in business in a shop with a cousin in Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry enjoyed having as their dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Davis, Mrs. Walter Fennell, Edward Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Glen VanDusen, Miss Elmira Pudrith, and Mrs. Jane Clements, all of Detroit. The party came up on the Snow Train.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wheeler had as their guests over the week-end their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wheeler of Milford, and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kneff of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fletcher, Stanley Davis, Geo. Kimble, and Lowell Overley of Detroit, were also guests at the Wheeler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade left for Toledo Sunday to spend the rest of the winter at the home of Mrs. Wade's father. They had the misfortune to have an accident near Roscommon en route when their car turned over. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bliss on the Au Sable until the necessary repairs were made to their car so they might continue on their way.

WEATHER

The weather played havoc with the winter sports Sunday when in the morning a slight rain started falling, changing into a wet snow. Monday morning saw a complete change, with a lower temperature and heavy snowfall, and a wind velocity of 40 to 50 miles an hour. Snow plows were kept busy all day on the highways and city streets keeping the roads clear for traffic. Wednesday morning the thermometer dropped to 3 below at 6 o'clock and stayed around zero all day. This morning (Thursday) the temperature still dropped lower, 10 below zero at 6 a. m., the sun is shining brightly and the thermometer is slowly rising.

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincere appreciation is extended to all who were so kind during the long illness and at the passing of our husband and father. The beautiful expressions of sympathy and comforting words of many friends are gratefully acknowledged.

Mrs. Gilbert Vallad and Family.

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Experiments are under way to determine the efficiency of new type mirrors, designed for use alongside roadways, to reflect "wasted" portions of the light from automobiles back to the road.

New York's Telephones
There are 8,408,129 telephone calls a day throughout New York city.

Record Stands at Five
Medical history contains no authenticated case in which more than five babies have been produced at one birth, despite hundreds of reports and records to the contrary, including the large tablet on a house in Hameln, Germany, which commemorates the alleged birth of septuplets, or seven infants, within its walls in 1600.

Dental Diseases
A report of the Greater New York Bureau for Dental Information asserts that 5 per cent of the children in this country and a slightly smaller percentage of adults suffer from dental diseases.

Star's Diameter
The star Antares is 400,000,000 miles in diameter.

Winter Fishing!



Photo by Mich. Dept. of Cons.

Colder weather lures thousands of ice fishermen to Michigan's inland lakes. Above scene is small area on Houghton lake where special regulation limits the daily catch of perch to 15. Twenty-five perch and certain other fish, all of one kind or combined catch, is the daily limit on other inland lakes; 50 perch is daily limit on Great Lakes and connecting waters and certain other lakes on west

side of state. Non-residents may not fish through ice on lakes of Berrien, Branch, Cass, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties from January 1 to opening of trout season. Bluegills and sunfish cannot legally be taken through the ice between hours of 6 P. M. and 6 A. M. Resident persons over 17 must have 1940 fishing licenses. The fee is one dollar and includes the wife.

